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The Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff
Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ribicoff:

The Department of State has proposed transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency on 1 July 1961 of responsibility for production and maintenance of basic intelligence on foreign countries in the sociological, political, and economic portions of the National Intelligence Survey which have heretofore been performed by the Department of State.

In accepting this responsibility I want to ensure the maximum effective utilization of the established civilian agencies. For some time the Public Health Service has been contributing to Section 4 (Health and Sanitation). I suggest for your further consideration the assignment to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the production and maintenance for additional portions of the National Intelligence Survey which relate to your departmental responsibilities and facilities. These portions are: Section 43 (Religion, Education, and Public Information), and Section 46 (Welfare).

I have designated Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence, to represent me in discussion of the problem with such representatives as you may wish to meet with him.

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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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